



# THE PARISH OF SAINT MARY, HALIFAX

Incorporating the churches of St Alban and St Mary

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## MASS SCHEDULE AND DEVOTIONS

### Perpetual Novena:

Wednesday after 9:30am Mass

### Holy Rosary:

Saturday after 12:15pm Mass

### Devotions to the Sacred Heart:

First Friday of the month after 9:30am Mass

### Our Lady's Lamp this week burns for:

Tina Armstrong and family intentions



### Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:

Saturday 11:00am – 12:00pm  
at St Mary's

### Confessions:

Saturday -  
11:00am-12:00pm – St Mary's  
Sunday -  
5:30pm–6:00pm – St Alban's  
or on Request

### Marriages and Baptisms by appointment

SUNDAY 13th	33 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	9:30am 11:00am 1:00pm 6:00pm	St Mary's St Mary's St Mary's St Alban's	Christine and Anne Smith Tony Lennon Polish Mass People of the Parish
MONDAY 14th	Feria	9:30am	St Mary's	Dead List
TUESDAY 15th	St Albert the Great	7:00pm	St Alban's	John McGrath
WEDNESDAY 16 <sup>th</sup>	St Margaret of Scotland	9:30am	St Mary's	Dead List
THURSDAY 17 <sup>th</sup>	St Hilda	No Public Mass		
FRIDAY 18 <sup>th</sup>	Feria	No Public Mass		
SATURDAY 19 <sup>th</sup>	B.V.M.	No Public Mass		

### READERS ROTA

#### THIS SUNDAY

#### NEXT SUNDAY

9:30am	John Greenwood	9:30am	Gabrielle Colleran
11:00am	Kieron Green	11:00am	Ken Rothery
6:00pm	Bernard Corcoran	6:00pm	Paul Coates

**PLEASE PRAY FOR** John McGrath and all those who have died recently and for Fr Bob Staton, Fr William Bryson and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

**PRAYER LIST**

David Sutcliffe, Gladys Megson, Patricia Ellison, John Wallis, Millie Haigh, David Murphy, Peter Fekete, Fawzia Mohamed, William Long, Sonya Box, Julie Simpson, Charlotte Fitzpatrick, Peter Smith, Julie Hall, David Hopkinson, Moya Andrew, Suzanne Peaker, Larry Byrne, Eleanor Foran Winnie Whelan, Kathleen Hannan, Nancy McGrath, Maureen Colleran, Patricia Reynolds and all the sick and housebound of the parish, their families and those who care for them.

If you know of anyone in the Parish who is ill or is housebound please let Fr Hilton or Deacon John know so that a visitation can be arranged.

**MASSES RECEIVED:** Mona Thorn, Sabina and Annie Raney, Patrick and James Raney, Gary Goodrick and Mark Salmons, Treena Armstrong and Marcella Lock, William Wilson, John McGrath, Ramon Espares Sr.

**PARISH REQUIEM MASS**

On Friday **25<sup>th</sup> of November** there will be a special Mass offered for the deceased members of the parish. This will take place at **St Mary's at 7:00pm** and all are warmly invited to attend. There will be special candles available to light and you are welcome to bring a framed photograph of your loved ones to be placed on the sanctuary during the Mass. This will be an opportunity to come together as a parish, to remember our family and friends who have died and to pray for their eternal rest.

**WEDNESDAY 7 P.M. ROSARY ZOOM MEETING**

The codes to access the Zoom are. Meeting ID is 73566939905 Password is Ss0eA3

**ST VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY**

Can you help us make someone's Christmas a little bit happier? We are now thinking about our Christmas Appeal. This year, those in our parish who are in need are even more than ever in need and we hope to ease their financial burden by helping them in any way we can. This may entail helping with heating bills, supplying food or clothing or even something as simple as a selection box for children who will get nothing. We will be so grateful for any financial donations that you are able to make. Our account details are shown here. Many thanks for anything you can do to help.

Bank sort Code **60-60-04**; Account number **46086137** Account name - **SS Mary and Alban Halifax**  
Date of next meeting - THIS Tuesday 15th November 18:15 in St Alban's Parish Room.

**ST MARY'S PRIMARY ACADEMY NEWS**

**RECEPTION STARTERS OPEN DAY** – If you or someone you know has a pupil due to start in September 2023 then we are inviting parents to come and have a look round our wonderful school on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> November from 9:30 to 11:00a.m.

**CATHOLIC CARE PANTRY PARTY** – Catholic Care will be hosting a Pantry Party in the school hall from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> November. There will be food and other items that families can help themselves to or take pre-prepared bags of goods home on the day.

**ADVENT MASS** – There will be an Advent Mass in school on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> November at 2:15p.m. All are welcome.

**ADVENT REFLECTION** – with Fr. Hilton on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> November at 3:30p.m. in the School Hall.

**SCHOOL CHRISTMAS FAYRE** – Will be held in School on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December from 3:30 to 5:30p.m. Everyone is welcome. Donations of bottles (preferably alcoholic) for the Bottle stall and Chocolates for the Chocolate Tombola would be appreciated.

**READERS** - We are fortunate to have a very committed group of parishioners who read at Mass each day. Would you like to join them? I am looking for volunteers to read at Mass on weekdays and Sundays who are happy to be added to the rota. Please speak to me after Mass or drop me an email if you would be willing to help. On **Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> December after the 12:15 Mass** there will be an event for all parish readers comprising of a reflection on this ministry and the Word of God along with a training session to practice our public reading and voice projection.  
Please make every effort to attend. (1pm – 2:30pm)

**MISSIO – RED MISSION BOXES** – Karen and Teresa will be collecting any boxes which require emptying at Masses next weekend (19<sup>th</sup>/20<sup>th</sup>). Please leave them at the back of church.  
From next year boxes will be emptied every three months starting in March.

### **FROM YOUR PARISH PRIEST**

Remembrance Sunday is one of those occasions that seems to come around very quickly, something that is very familiar to us and something that if we are not careful can lose its significance and meaning.

After the Great War, the nations of the world said collectively “never again” and sadly, we know what happened next. And yet here we are in the year 2022, after a period of relative peace, with war once again raging across the continent of Europe. The war in Ukraine, along with the many other international conflicts that continue across the globe (the ones we ignore because they seem far away) should give us particular pause for thought this year.

Those who gave their lives for this country in the previous two world wars, did so that we might not have to suffer the same fate as them. Their sacrifice was one offered in war that we might live in peace, their blood was shed, that ours might be spared. The greatest honour that we can give the war dead, is to work to preserve the peace, for which they paid the ultimate price and laid down their lives.

It is no coincidence that as the memory of war fades and the world loses sight and need of God, the drums of war beat ever louder. We forget at our peril, that the way of Jesus, the Prince of Peace, is one of radical non-violence. Our Blessed Lord entered a cruel world and allowed violence to be done to him so that death and brutality would no longer have the final say. As His disciples, who follow Him wherever He may go, even unto suffering, have a duty to proclaim His Kingdom and His way of doing things.

There are those who say that war is inevitable, it’s one of those things that just has to happen from time to time, and there is nothing we can do about it. To those voices we must ask, “Who is it to be then? Your son? Your father? Your neighbour? Your friend? - You? Who is it that you are willing to send to fight and die in these inevitable wars? Whatever the question is, war is never the answer and we owe the fallen our every effort to work for and to build up peace now and in the future. The hymn, *I vow to thee my country*, so often sung at this time of the year captures perfectly what our response should be to these questions.

*“And there's another country I've heard of long ago. Most dear to them that love her, most great to them that know. We may not count her armies, we may not see her King. Her fortress is a faithful heart, her pride is suffering and soul by soul and silently, her shining bounds increase and her ways are ways of gentleness and all her paths are peace.”*

As children of God, we are the citizens of that ‘other country’ and it is our mission to increase the shining bounds of the Kingdom. Wars and conflicts are ultimately fought by individuals and so is peace built up, soul by soul and silently.

God bless you all.  
*Fr Hilton*

### **WORKS ON ST MARY'S**

As part of the ongoing work to maintain and restore St Mary’s, the electronic bell requires repairing and the altar gates and sanctuary lamp are to be sent away for restoration. The total cost of these works will be about £1500. If anyone wishes to contribute for this specific purpose, please feel free to do so.

Mass Offerings, Notices and News Items for the Parish Bulletin should be given to Fr Hilton or Deacon John by Wednesday evening. Notices and News Items only can be sent to John Coates (07842 066450 orjbcoates@btinternet.com) again by Wednesday evening.

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